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DIST: 29 APRIL 1983
COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJ : RENEWED CONCERN WITHIN THE FEDERAL POLICE OVER REVELATIONS OF EXCESSES DURING THE "DIRTY WAR": CONSIDERATION OF CARRYING OUT VIOLENT ACTIONS TO IMPRESS THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE LEVEL OF CONCERN

3.3(b)(1)

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SUMMARY: SOME MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL POLICE WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED IN REVELATIONS OF EXCESSES DURING THE "DIRTY WAR" HAVE NOT ACCEPTED REASSURANCES FROM THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE THAT THE INSTITUTION WILL PROTECT THEM. A GROUP OF RETIRED AND ACTIVE-DUTY POLICEMEN IS PREPARING A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE TO INSURE THEIR GREATER PROTECTION. IF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED, MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP ARE PREPARED TO BEGIN A CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE, INCLUDING ASSASSINATIONS AND BOMBINGS, AGAINST THE PERSONS MAKING THE REVELATIONS, MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, AND FEDERAL JUDGES INVESTIGATING THE ACTIVITIES BEING MADE PUBLIC: THE PURPOSE OF THIS VIOLENCE WOULD BE TO CONVINCE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITH THE LEVEL OF THEIR CONCERN OVER THEIR PERCEIVED LACK OF PROTECTION. SIMILAR CONCERNS OVER THIS PERCEIVED LACK OF PROTECTION ARE BEING EXPRESSED WITHIN THE PROVINCIAL POLICE IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE AND WITHIN THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE) BUT NOT WITHIN THE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN).

TEXT: 1. 3.3(b)(1)

MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL POLICE WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED IN REVELATIONS OF EXCESSES DURING THE "DIRTY WAR" HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS A LACK OF ACTION BY THE FEDERAL POLICE TO PROTECT THEM. 3.3(b)(1)

2. BIGINNING ON ABOUT 24 APRIL, MEDIUM- AND HIGH-LEVEL POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN NAMED IN THE REVELATIONS OF RODOLFO PEREGRINO ((FERNANDEZ)) BEGAN TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTION THEY SHOULD TAKE, AS A GROUP OR 3.3(b)(1)

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INDIVIDUALLY, TO TRY TO CONTAIN THE EFFECTS OF THE REVELATIONS: THIS GROUP INCLUDED BOTH ACTIVE-DUTY AND RETIRED OFFICERS. 3.3(b)(1) [redacted] THE GROUP URGED DIRECT, VIOLENT ACTION AGAINST A VARIETY OF PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DECLARATIONS. HOWEVER, A CONSENSUS DEVELOPED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE PRUDENT TO 3.3(b)(1) PRESENT [redacted] WITH A SPECIFIC LIST OF ACTIONS THAT THE FEDERAL POLICE SHOULD TAKE TO PROTECT THOSE NAMED IN THE REVELATIONS: [redacted] ONLY IF THAT APPROACH IS NOT SUCCESSFUL 3.3(b)(1) SHOULD THERE BE A RESORT TO VIOLENCE.

3. [redacted] THE GROUP AGREED [redacted] 3.3(b)(1)
3.3(b)(1) [redacted] TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO PROTECT CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL POLICE WHO WERE ACTIVE DURING THE "DIRTY WAR": THE FEDERAL POLICE SHOULD DESTROY THE ROLLS THAT IDENTIFY PERSONS WHO WORKED IN INVESTIGATIVE OR ANTI-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD OF THE "DIRTY WAR"; THE FEDERAL POLICE SHOULD REFUSE TO HONOR JUDICIAL SUBPOENAS TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE TO BE USED IN INVESTIGATIONS OF POLICE ACTIVITIES DURING THE "DIRTY WAR", AND THE FEDERAL POLICE SHOULD TRY TO GAIN A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR ALL OFFICIAL PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE "DIRTY WAR".

4. THE RECOMMENDATIONS [redacted] WERE 3.3(b)(1)
BEING PREPARED ON 28 APRIL. THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO BE
3.3(b)(1) SENTED [redacted] DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY UNLESS THERE ...LD BE AN OVERRIDING REASON TO PRESENT THEM SOONER; SUCH AN OVERRIDING REASON WOULD BE THE PUBLICATION OF ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS IDENTIFYING FEDERAL POLICE PERSONNEL CHARGED WITH EXCESSES, OR THE DECISION OF A FEDERAL JUDGE TO CALL IN INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL POLICE TO QUESTION THEM ON ACTIVITIES DURING THE "DIRTY WAR". [redacted] THE GROUP HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT THE VARIOUS REVELATIONS WOULD 3.3(b)(1)
BEGIN TO LOSE INTEREST FOR THE PUBLIC AND IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO BRING SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE.

3.3(b)(1) 5. THE POLICE OFFICERS [redacted] ALSO AGREED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE ADDITIONAL STEPS IF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED [redacted] 3.3(b)(1)
[redacted] THE GROUP ARE PREPARED TO BEGIN A CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENT ACTIONS AGAINST PERSONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE REVELATIONS; SUCH ACTIONS, TO INCLUDE ASSASSINATIONS AND BOMBINGS, WOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE FORMER SECURITY PERSONNEL MAKING THE REVELATIONS, MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILES AND FEDERAL JUDGES WHO ARE INVESTIGATING ACTIVITIES DURING THE "DIRTY WAR". THE PURPOSE OF THE VIOLENCE WOULD BE TO CONVINCE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DETERMINATION OF INVOLVED SECURITY PERSONNEL NOT TO BE HELD GUILTY OF ACTIVITIES THEY CARRIED OUT UNDER THE ORDERS OR WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR SUPERIORS.

3.3(b)(1) 6. AS OF 28 APRIL, [redacted] THE GROUP WERE BEGINNING TO ...M THEMSELVES, PRIMARILY TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST POSSIBLE REVENGE BY FAMILY MEMBERS OF PERSONS WHO HAD DISAPPEARED DURING THE "DIRTY WAR". AS OF THAT DATE, [redacted] THE GROUP DID NOT HAVE THE MATERIAL NECESSARY TO BEGIN A SERIES OF 3.3(b)(1)
ASSASSINATIONS OR BOMBINGS, BUT THEY DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY MATERIAL OR MAKE THE OTHER PREPARATIONS ONCE THEY DECIDED TO DO SO.

7. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, A RETIRED SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE WHO HAD BEEN IN CHARGE OF SECURITY FORCES [redacted] DURING THE "DIRTY WAR" CONTACTED [redacted] THE GROUP OF FEDERAL POLICE [redacted]

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3.3(b)(1) [redacted] THE RETIRED PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICIAL SAID ONE OF THE PERSONS UNDER HIS COMMAND DURING THE "DIRTY WAR" HAD MADE OR WAS MAKING DECLARATIONS ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROVINCIAL POLICE DURING THAT PERIOD. THE

PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICIAL ASKED FOR AN URGENT MEETING WITH THE FEDERAL POLICE OFFICIAL TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTIONS THE FEDERAL POLICE ARE TAKING ABOUT SIMILAR DECLARATIONS SO THE PROVINCIAL POLICE CAN ACT IN A COORDINATED MANNER ON THE SAME PROBLEM.

8. ALSO IN A SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, [redacted] LOWER-RANKING MEMBERS OF THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE) SAID DURING THE WEEK OF 24 APRIL THAT SIMILAR CONCERNS ABOUT THE REVELATIONS ARE BEING EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF MILITARY SECURITY SERVICES, INCLUDING THE SIE, ESPECIALLY AT THE MEDIUM AND LOWER LEVELS. THE SIE PERSONNEL GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY BELIEVE MILITARY SECURITY PERSONNEL WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO TAKE VIOLENT ACTIONS IF THEY BELIEVED THEY WERE NOT BEING ADEQUATELY PROTECTED BY MILITARY SECURITY OFFICIALS FOR THEIR ACTIONS DURING THE "DIRTY WAR". ([redacted] COMMENT: INTERESTINGLY, [redacted] PERSONNEL OF THE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) DID NOT APPEAR ESPECIALLY CONCERNED OVER THE REVELATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE OR ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS FOR NAVAL PERSONNEL WHO TOOK PART IN THE "DIRTY WAR.") 3.3(b)(1) 3.3(b)(1)

3.3(b)(1) 9. ([redacted] COMMENT: THE PRIMARY SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS GROWING CONCERN WITHIN THE POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT COULD LEAD TO THE DECISION AT HIGH LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE MILITARY AND POLICE INSTITUTIONS CANNOT RISK THE SCHEDULED TURNOVER OF POWER TO A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE REVELATIONS HAVE LED TO THIS DECISION OR THAT IT IS EVEN BEING CONSIDERED, BUT IT IS ONE OPTION THAT MAY BEGIN TO HAVE GROWING APPEAL IF THE CURRENT TYPE OF REVELATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE.)

10. (AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: MY IMPRESSION IS THAT NO SERIOUS THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO ATTEMPTING TO STALL THE ELECTIONS AND IT IS PROBABLY TOO LATE TO TRY.)

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